



ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
TOWN HALL  
LYONS ROOM  
7:30 PM 11/26/18

ATTENDEES:

Deyst*	White*	Caccavaro	Kellar*	McKenna*
DeCoursey*	Wallach*	Harmer*	Gibian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Bayer*	Duvadie*	
Hansberry	Beck*	Jones*	Deshler*	
Franclemont*	Howard*	Fanning	Levy	Diggins*

\*Indicates present

VISITORS: Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine, Deputy Town Manager Sandy Pooler  
The Committee observed a minute of silence in memory of Kevin Greeley, respected long time member of the Select Board.

The Chair provided a draft FinCom Report for the Dec 5 Special Town Meeting (Ref 1).  
The meeting considered the 3 financial articles in the draft as follows.

ART 3 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX: Chapdelaine recommended 3%, the maximum allowed by state law. He guesses this might raise \$300k to \$500k annually. The medical marijuana dispensary on Water St is interested in applying for a state license. He thinks it might take 6 mo to obtain a license. This will probably be a Select Board Main Motion. Their wording will be similar.

VOTED to approve a 3% excise tax. Unanimous

ART 7 CAPITAL BUDGET TOWN YARD Chapdelaine requested funds to continue the planning process funded so far in the capital program. He recommended using retained earnings from the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. This fund contains somewhat less than \$8m. The present thinking is to expand into the practice soccer field for parking. The AHS parking would share this space instead of behind the school as shown in the current plans. This would enable a soccer practice field behind AHS.

VOTED \$1,235,754 from retained earnings. 16-1

ART 8 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING Pooler describe the "open" negotiations that have taken place over the last year with SEIU (Supervisory employees) and 680 (laborers). The Town offered an 3 yr COLA structure of 2%, 2%, 1%. The unions were free to adjust the details to meet their members' needs. The 680 union members are paid hourly and wanted market adjustments. The SEIU wanted an additional step. These increases are within the 3.25% overall Town increases in the 5 year plan. The members of each union have approved its plan. The negotiations with the 2 Police unions continue. One FinCom member urged the Town to keep the lower paid employees at a living wage even as the higher paid employees qualify for 6 figure salaries by earning advanced degrees.

VOTED to approve the agreements as described in Ref 1. Unanimous.

In response to a question, Capdelaine said the thinking is that both operating & debt exclusion overrides will be on the spring ballot.

RESERVE FUND Balance: \$1,553,287

COMMITTEE Next meeting 7:00 PM before Special Town Meeting 12/5/18. Jones will chair.

Peter Howard 11/26/18, Revised 11/29/18

Ref 1 Report of the FinCom to Special Town Meeting 12/5/18 (Draft)

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS  
  
REPORT OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
  
TO THE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018**

**Warrant Articles**

Unless otherwise indicated, the following recommendations were by unanimous vote; exceptions are noted in parentheses following the text of the recommended vote. Under Finance Committee procedures, the Chairman votes only when the recommendation of the Committee will be affected.

**The Finance Committee recommends the passage of the following votes as noted:**

**ARTICLE 3                                      ACCEPTANCE/    LOCAL    OPTION:    RECREATIONAL  
MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX**

**To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 64N Section 3, as recently amended by Section 13 of Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, and impose a local sales tax upon the sale of recreational marijuana originating within the Town by a vendor at a rate of up to 3% of the gross receipts of the vendor from the sale of recreational marijuana, marijuana products, and marijuana edibles, said excise to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least thirty days after such vote of Town Meeting; or take any action related thereto.**

**(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)**

**VOTED:                      That the Town of Arlington accept G.L. c. 64N, § 3 to impose an excise on the retail sales of marijuana for adult use at the rate of 3 percent.**

**COMMENT:** This article invites Special Town Meeting to accept G.L. c. 64N, § 3, allowing the Town to impose a local excise on the retail sale of marijuana for adult use (recreational marijuana). The Town may set the excise tax rate any level up to and including 3 % of gross receipts.

## **ARTICLE 7**

## **CAPITAL BUDGET/DPW YARD**

**To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for remodeling, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to the DPW Yard and associated buildings, including original equipment and landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related to such remodeling, reconstruction or repair, and determine whether such appropriations shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, borrowed or provided by any combination of the foregoing; or take any action related thereto.**

**(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)**

**VOTED: That the sum of \$1,253,754 be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of paying costs of the design, remodeling, reconstruction, and/or extraordinary repairs to the DPW Yard and associated buildings and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund. (16-1)**

**COMMENT: This article provides for \$1,253,754 in appropriation from the retained earnings of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund for remodeling, repair and renovation of its share of the Grove Street DPW Yard project previously authorized at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.**

## **ARTICLE 8**

## **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

**To see if the Town will vote to fund any fiscal items in the event that any are contained in collective bargaining agreements between the Town and the following named collective bargaining units, and to fund for non-union, M Schedule, and elected officials' salaries or fringe benefits, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto: A. Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; B. Service Employees International Union; C. Arlington Police Patrol Officers' Association; D. Arlington Ranking Police Officers' Association; E. M Schedule and non-union employees; and F. Full-time elected officials.**

**(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)**

**VOTED: That the Town hereby ratifies the following financial items in the collective bargaining agreements and memoranda of agreement with the following enumerated collective bargaining units and hereby approves the following financial items relating to Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and Service Employees International Union:**

**A. Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees**

- (1) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2018;**
- (2) a market adjustment of 35 cents to the top step of the AFSCME: MC, Office Administrative and Administrative Technical and Professional Pay Plans effective the first full calendar pay period of 2019;**
- (3) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2019;**
- (4) a market adjustment of 20 cents to the top step of the AFSCME: MC, Office Administrative and Administrative Technical and Professional Pay Plans effective the first full calendar pay period of 2020;**
- (5) \$125 increase in Clothing and Cleaning Allowance effective July 1, 2019; and**
- (6) a 1% general wage increase effective July 1, 2020;**

**and that for this purpose the sum of \$138,717, is to be transferred from funds previously appropriated and set aside by vote of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting under Warrant Article 27, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.**

**B. Service Employees International Union**

- (1) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2018;**
- (2) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2019;**
- (3) a 1% general wage increase effective July 1, 2020;and**
- (4) implementation of a new step at 15 years of service;**

**and that for this purpose the sum of \$49,929, is to be transferred from funds previously appropriated and set aside by vote of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting under Warrant Article 27, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.**

**COMMENT:** Should these agreements be ratified by the Town, four of the six unions will have reached agreements valid through June 30, 2021.